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Derek Oil and Gas Corporation (the "Company") advises that the private placement announced on November 18, 2004 has been closed. A total of 735,000 units at a price of \$0.55 per unit were placed for gross aggregate proceeds of \$404,250.00. Each unit consists of one common share and one common share purchase warrant. One common share purchase warrant can be exercised for one additional share at a price of \$0.75 for the first year after closing and at a price of \$1.15 per share for the second year after closing.

The shares are subject to a four month hold period expiring at midnight, Pacific Standard Time, on May 24th, 2005. A 0.42 percent gross overriding royalty on LAK Ranch oil production was paid as a finder's fee for this placement.

DEREK OIL & GAS CORPORATION

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Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors: Investors are urged to consider closely the disclosure in our Form 20-F, File No. 0-30072, available from us at Suite 1550, 355 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 2G8. You can also obtain this Form 20-F from the SEC by calling 1-800-732-0330 or you may find it online at www.sec.gov or at www.sedar.com where it is filed as the Company's Annual Information Form.